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Title: Nitinol Ice Blades)

Request for Clarification

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Sir:

An Office Action dated Oct. 17, 2006, rejects claims 1-4 and 13-15 on a new ground of rejection, but the Office Action does not acknowledge or refer to a Rule 132 Declaration that accompanied Applicant's Response Dated June 30, 2006 to the Office Action dated March 31, 2006, nor did the subsequent Restriction Requirement dated Sept. 1, 2006. Therefore, Applicant is in doubt whether the Rule 132 Declaration has been entered and considered. Clarification is requested.

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